Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1   1 (Currently Amended). A computerized method of managing workload
2   within a Workflow-Management-System (WFMS) said method being
3   executable by said WFMS on at least one computer system, said WFMS
4   comprising a process-model, said process-model comprising one or more
5   activities being the nodes of an arbitrary graph, and directed edges of said
6   graph defining a potential control-flow within said process-model, and said
7   method comprising <u>the steps of:</u>
8   a ~~determination-step, wherein~~ <u>analyzing</u> said process-model ~~is~~
9   ~~analyzed~~ <u>to determine</u> if a priority-execution-specification is assigned to
10   said one activity comprising at least one Boolean-predicate and a priority-
11   level, and,
12   in the affirmative case, ~~said method comprising a launching-step~~
13   ~~said launching-step~~ evaluating said Boolean-predicate using a
14   variable-value not comprised in said process-model but said variable-value
15   being comprised in a context of an instance of said process-model, and,
16   if said Boolean-predicate evaluates to TRUE, ~~said launching-step~~
17   ~~launches~~ <u>launching</u> execution of said one activity in said activity's
18   execution-environment ~~with an execution-priority specified according to~~
19   ~~said priority-level,~~ <u>said WFMS setting its own execution-priority for the</u>
20   <u>WFMS-internal processing relating to said one activity with respect to the</u>
21   <u>WFMS's execution-environment to the execution-priority specified</u>
22   <u>according to said priority-level.</u>

1   2 (Currently Amended). A method of managing workload within a WFMS
2   according to claim 1, wherein said Boolean-predicate is evaluated just
3   before launching execution of said one activity to base said evaluation on
4   ~~the~~ <u>a</u> most current context.

1	3 (Currently Amended). A method of managing workload within a WFMS
2	according to claim1, wherein said context comprises a data storage shared
3	between activities, ~~and/or~~ wherein said context comprises an global
4	container of said instance of said process-model, ~~and/or~~ wherein said
5	context comprises an input-container of said one activity, ~~and/or~~ and
6	wherein said context comprises an output-container of a certain activity.

1	4 (Currently Amended). A method of managing workload within a WFMS
2	according to claim 1 wherein said WFMS ~~comprising~~ comprises at least
3	one WFMS-client and at least one WFMS-server, wherein, if an instance
4	of said process-model has not been instantiated yet, said WFMS-client ~~is~~
5	~~evaluating~~ evaluates said Boolean-predicate, and said WFMS-client ~~is~~
6	~~sending~~ sends a START message via a communication-system to said
7	WFMS-server setting said message to a message-priority corresponding to
8	said priority level, and said communication-system being responsive to
9	said message-priority by handling its delivery according to said priority-
10	level, and said WFMS-server being responsive to said message-priority by
11	instantiating said process-model and launching execution of said instance
12	of said process-model according to said priority-level.

1	5 (Currently Amended). A method of managing workload within a WFMS
2	according to claim 1, ~~wherein, if said Boolean-predicate evaluates to~~
3	~~TRUE, said WFMS sets its own execution-priority for the WFMS-internal~~
4	~~processing relating to said one activity with respect to the WFMS's~~
5	~~execution-environment to the execution-priority specified according to~~
6	~~said priority-level, and/or~~ wherein, if said Boolean-predicate evaluates to
7	TRUE, one or more messages for communication within said WFMS
8	and/or between different WFMS and/or with said activity via a
9	communication-system said message relating to the processing of said
10	activity are set to the execution-priority specified according to said
11	priority-level.

1   6 (Currently Amended). A method of managing workload within a WFMS
2   according to claim 1, wherein, if said priority-execution-specification is
3   specified with said process-model, said method <u>further comprises the step</u>
4   <u>of</u> is assigning said priority-execution-specification to all activities
5   comprised by said process-model, and/or wherein, if said priority-
6   execution-specification is specified with a performance-sphere, said
7   performance-sphere comprising a sub-graph of said process-model, said
8   method <u>further comprises the step of</u> assigning said process-execution-
9   specification to all activities within said performance-sphere, and/or <u>and</u>
10   wherein, if said priority-execution-specification is specified with said one
11   activity, said method <u>further comprises the step of</u> assigning said process-
12   execution-specification to said one activity.

7 (Canceled).

8 (Canceled).

9 (Canceled).